THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 13th March 1951.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions left over from yesterday's agenda will be taken up first."

Rights of Indians in Ceylon.

* 109 [a] *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reply was received to the representations made by the State Government to the Union Government regarding the rights of Tamilians and other Indians in Ceylon; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The resolution on ' exclusion of certain citizens of Ceylon from rights of citizenship ' passed by Assembly in May 1952 was forwarded to the Government of India who have replied that they are fully alive to the situation in Ceylon and are making continuous diplomatic efforts to solve it as best as possible.

" (*b*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) the Government do not consider it necessary to place a copy of the reply from the Government of India on the table of the House."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சமீபத்தில் இந்திய சர்க்காருக்கும் இலங்கை சர்க்காருக்கும் இடையே ஒரு ஒப்பந்தம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த ஒப்பந்தத்தை, இலங்கையில் இருக்கக்கூடிய இந்தியர்கள் தங்களுக்கு பாதகமாக இருக்கிறது என்ற காரணத்திற்காக ஆக்ஷேபித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதைப் பற்றி நமது ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு தங்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயத்தைத் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We have not sent our opinions, nor were our opinions sought for. But I am sure the Government of India will do the best under the circumstances."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In view of the fact that the majority of Indians in Ceylon are people who have migrated from South India and in view of the fact that the representative of the Government of India in Ceylon is not a South Indian, will this

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Government urge upon the Government of India for the appointment of a South Indian as High Commissioner so that he may act as a liaison? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The present High Commissioner is an Indian. I have absolutely no doubt that he will safeguard the interests of Indian residents in Ceylon whether they are South Indians or North Indians."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether this Government was consulted during the time of negotiation or before an agreement was arrived at by the Government of India with the Ceylon Government in regard to grant of citizenship rights to Ceylon Nationals of Indian origin? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is a separate question on this point. When I give the answer for that question I think that answer will cover this question also."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" சமீபத்தில் எற்பட்ட ஒப்பந்தம் வடநாட்டிலுள்ள பெரும் முதலாளிகள், ஸிலோனுக்கு தாங்கள் அங்கு வியாபாரம் செய்யும் பொருட்டாகவே நடந்திருக்கிறது என்று கருதப்படுவதால், தமிழ் நாட்டிலிருந்து அங்கு சென்ற ஆயிரக்கணக்கான தொழிலாளிகளுடைய உரிமைகள் பறிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Whether it is a Central Subject or State Subject, I want to know from the Hon. Minister how far we are responsible for it. I hope the Hon. Minister will explain."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think it is purely a Central Subject. We are not concerned with it. That apart, it is an entirely ingenious and new aspect which the hon. Member is now putting forward."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the arrangement arrived at between Sir John Kotelewala and Pandit Nehru does not in any way solve the question of temporary Indian residents in Ceylon? In view of the fact that a majority of those Indians are from Malabar, will this Government consider the question of taking up their case with the Government of India and help in solving that question amicably? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure the Government of India will bear in mind all those aspects of the problem which the hon. Member had mentioned. I am sure they (Government of India) will do the best under the circumstances."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சமீப ஒப்பந்தத்தின் காரணமாக நீண்ட நாட்களாக ஸிலோனில் குடியிருப்பவர்கள் கூட கள்ளத்தனமாகக் குடியேறியவர்கள் என்று காரணம் காட்டப்பட்டு பலாத்காரமாக அப்புறப்படுத்தப்படுவது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? இதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு நமது சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது யோசனை சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid we are going much beyond the main question, that is put on the

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agenda. There is likely to be difference of opinion. Not only there will be difference of opinion but people may purposely misinterpret things."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall pass on to the next question."

Amendment to Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act.

* 111[a] *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Tanjore District Vivasayigal Sangam that the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act should be amended; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. A representation was received from the Sangam in September 1953. It contained certain suggestions to amend the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952. No action was taken on those suggestions as it was considered that the question of amending the Act need be taken up only after sufficient experience is gained in working it."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சென்ற 1½ வருட காலமாக தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் அமுலிலிருக்கக்கூடிய அந்தச் சட்டத்தை. நேரடியான அனுபவம் வாய்ந்த கிஸான் சபையினர் திருத்துமாறு சர்க்காருக்குச் சில யோசனைகளைக் கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தச் சட்டத்தை அவர்கள் சொல்லியிருக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் திருத்துவதற்காக, சர்க்கார், தங்களுக்கு ஏதாவது சந்தேகமிருந்தால், அந்தக் கிஸான் சபை பிரதிநிதிகளையழைத்து அவர்களுடன் விவாதிப்பதற்கு யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The representation will be examined. I am not in a position to say now whether the representatives of the Sangam will be called for or not."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that even now after the experience of 1½ years of the working of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act that the tenants and Pannaiyals are not satisfied with the working of the Act? Will the Government, therefore, come forward with the necessary amendments to the Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, we are carefully watching the situation and how things progress."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know how this Act is working in Chidambaram taluk? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is straying away from the main question. He may put a separate question."

(Sri V. R. Nagarajan rose.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question is whether the Government have received any representation from the Tanjore District

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